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MINES SAFETY
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of mines in the country are not safe for the workers;

(b) if so, the number of disasters took place during each of the last three years alongwith the number of casualties as well as the compensation paid to the kins of victims, mines-wise;

(c) whether the Government has reviewed the practice regarding the safety status of mines taken up every two years instead of the current practice of one in four years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (Dr.T.SUBBARAMI REDDY)

(a): As per information furnished by Ministry of Labour & Employment whenever an unsafe situation in a mine comes to the knowledge of the Directorate General of Mines Safety, as a result of an inspection or otherwise, workers are withdrawn from such area and mining activity is stopped through a prohibitory order under section 22 of the Mines Act, 1952.

(b): Details of disasters (10 or more deaths) during 2002-2006 in mines as reported by Ministry of Labour & Employment are as under:

Sl. No.	Name of Mine	Number of persons Killed	Seriously injured
1.	Godavari Khani /No.7LEP	17	0
2.	Godavari Khani /No. 8 A	10	2
3.	Central Sounda	14	0
4.	Bhaldee	50	0

Details of payment of compensation are not maintained centrally.

(c) &(d): Ministry of Labour & Employment has informed that no such review has been made by the Government and the standard practice is being followed.

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